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Freedom's Lure Held Soviet's Biggest Fear

NEW YORK (AP) — Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, says Soviet rulers fear more than anything else the desire of their own people for freedom.

"We can and must exploit," this fear, Dulles added in a speech at the closing session of the 23rd annual New York Herald Tribune Forum.

Dulles advised against underestimating the material and spiritual superiority of the free world over the Communist bloc. He noted that in the past five years 1,800,000 persons have fled to freedom from Soviet East Germany and 250,000 recently chose to leave Communist Viet Nam.

The Forum also presented an hour-long discussion of the achievements of the Eisenhower Administration by four cabinet members — Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of health, education and welfare; James P. Mitchell, secretary of labor; Herbert Brownell, attorney general, and George M. Humphrey, secretary of the Treasury.

Brownell said the administration aims to meet the security needs of the nation without destroying those democratic values the security program is designed to protect.

Questioned about employment, Mitchell reported that 62 million people are working in this country, more than ever

before in its history. He said unemployment now totals 4.3% of the work force. He compared this to 17.2% in 1939, 5% in 1949 and over 7% in 1950.

Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, told the Forum atomic weapons and the fact that no nation has a monopoly on them "imposes upon statesmen restraints of a kind novel in history. There are inducements for caution that great autocratic powers did not know in the past."